GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
LOK SABHA

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CONVERSION OF STATE HIGHWAYS
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Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any State Governments have requested for conversion of their State Highways into National Highways;

(b) the details thereof; and

(c) the response of the Central Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (MAJOR GENERAL (RETD. KHANDURI)

(a) to (c) All proposals for conversion of State Highways into National Highways have been returned to the respective State Government in June, 2002 for review based on the revised criteria for declaration of new National Highways. Presently there is a ban on declaration of new National Highways due to fund constraints. The Government may however, consider conversion of very limited lengths of a few State Highways into National Highways during the course of the 10th Five Year Plan, keeping in view the traffic needs, inter-se priority and availability of funds, after the ban is lifted.